also expected to be covered by the high power TV transmitters envisaged to be set up at Jodhpur and Ajmer, subject to actual availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

[*Translation*]

Increase in rates of advertisements

1726. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have enhanced rated for official advertisements;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the net percentage of increase affected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government have enhanced the rates of advertisements with effect from 1st august, 1991.

(b) The rates were enhanced to neutralise the cost of increased newsprint price.

(c) An increase of 18% was allowed over the rates existing prior to 1.8.1991.

Increase in rates of Foreign Charges

1727. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of foreign Postal Charges have been increased;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(c) the revenue likely to be earned by the government as a result of enhanced rates?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The percentage increase ranges from 22% to 60%. The increase is related to the increase in the values of the SDR which is the basis for effecting payments to other postal administrations in respect of foreign mail.

The repee equivalent of SDR has increased over the period 1985 to 1990 by approximately 80%.

(c) The revenue likely to be earned is around Rs. 55 crores per annum.

Violation of traffic rules

1728. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drivers of school buses in Delhi and buses operating under D.T.C., arrested for violation of traffic rules during the last six months and the amount of penalty imposed on them; and

(b) the mendatory directions issued by the Government to streamline the traffic in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The number of drivers of school buses and under D.T.C. arrested during the period from 1.5.91 to 31.10.91 and the penalty imposed as a result is as follows:-

i) School buses - 1 Driver

ii) Buses under D.T.C. - 14 Drivers

iii) Fine/Penalty imposed - Rs. 3900/-

(b) Amongst the measures taken to streamline the traffic in Delhi, the Traffic Police has introduced New Traffic circulation pattern in a number of places, imposed restriction on the movement of slow moving vehicles in certain places and declared several streets as one-way.

Embezzlement by Postmen

1729. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of embezzlement of money orders etc. by Postmen of various Post Offices during the last three years and the amount involved therein;

(b) the action taken in these cases; and

(c) the steps taken by the government to check such activities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the last three years there were 325 cases of embezzlement of Money Orders involving an amount of Rs. 13,47,828/-.

(b) 776 officials who were found responsible for the embezzlement were punished besides effecting recovery of Rs. 4,83,247/-

(c) (a) Monthly verification of 5% of Money Orders paid by contacting the payees both in Urban and Rural areas has been prescribed. The result of this verification is monitored at the highest level.

(b) Postmen are required to render every day correct account of all the Money Orders paid by them.

(c) Money Orders paid vouchers are scrutinised by the Supervisors to ensure they were properly paid.

(d) Every fortnight details of paid Money Orders are sent to audit Office to check credits of paid Money Orders.

[*English*]

T.V. station Aurangabad, Maharashtra

1730. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise the capacity of the TV station at Aurangabad, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Low Power Transmitter (100W) at Aurangabad has already been replaced by a High Power transmitter of (10KW) radiating power with effect from 31-3-1991.

'Bijli Adalats' in the Capital

1731. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: